

# 2022 ROBERT CRAIG WINERY GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD CHARDONNAY



**WINEMAKER:** Jason Price  
**REGION:** Sonoma Coast, California  
**VARIETALS:** Chardonnay  
**MATURATION:** 9 months in 20% new French oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.1 g/L | pH: 3.38

**VINTAGE:** Another fantastic growing vintage in the Sonoma Coast AVA - specifically Gap's Crown Vineyard - located in Sonoma's increasingly popular "Petaluma Gap." A typical summer was interrupted with a late-season heat spike. This is a classic year featuring structure for long-term aging, as well as delivering focus and precision from the outset.

**TERROIR:** Gap's Crown Vineyard is owned by Bill Price. Situated on the southern end of Sonoma Mountain on the west side, the 138-acre hillside vineyard has extremely stony soils and low yields. Known as "The Petaluma Gap," this area is a fog and breeze pocket that is unique in the Sonoma Coast. Cool temperatures, low pH values and high natural acidity produce wines of truly stunning vibrancy.

**TASTING NOTES:** This is a racy, Chablis-like Chardonnay. Light citrus and floral notes lead to a fine minerality and restrained acidity thanks to the chalky soils of the vineyard. Beautifully balanced on release, this wine will easily handle 15 to 20 years in the cellar.

**ABOUT ROBERT CRAIG WINERY:** With a passion for Napa Valley Mountain Cabernet, Bob Craig founded his eponymous winery on Howell Mountain with three friends from business school in 1990. Elton Slone joined the winery as CEO in 2004, and assumed primary ownership in 2007. Bob's retirement in 2012 brought newfound determination for Slone, who continues Robert Craig's steadfast commitment to excellence in all aspects of the business. Known for producing small-lot, site-expressive wines from high elevation vineyards in a classic style, Robert Craig Winery consistently garners critical acclaim and high accolades from the wine press.

